THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) In the State of Uttarakhand, National Highways No. 58, 72 between U.P./Uttarakhand border and Dehradun and 87 between U.P./Uttarakhand border and Kathgodam are proposed to be widened to four lanes under National Highway Development Project Phase-Ill. Widening to six lanes and eight lanes has not been proposed on any National Highway in the State of Uttarakhand.

(b) No new National Highway has been declared in the State of Uttarakhand during the last 3 years.

Deadline for Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway

550. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 27.7 km. project between Delhi and Gurgaon Expressway conceived in 1977 and commenced in July, 2002 which was scheduled to be completed by July, 2007 and September, 2007 is still on and awaits its completion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the deadline that has now been fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Delhi-Gurgaon Access Controlled Highway was conceived in 1997, and Detailed Project Report (DPR) completed in October, 2001. Work commenced in January, 2003 and the entire project is likely to be completed by December, 2007.

(b) The reasons for delay in completion of project are as under:-

(i) Value additions incorporated on the suggestions of Government of Delhi and Government of Haryana and to cater for increased traffic;

(ii) Delay in handing over of land by Airport Authority of India, Defence and Government of Haryana;

(iii) Delay in shifting of utilities; and

(iv) Poor performance by the concessionaire.

(c) The likely date of completion of the project is December, 2007.

Bypass at Sivni on NH-7 in M.P.

†551. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the need of a bypass has been felt at Sivni Nagar in Madhya Pradesh, which is located at National Highway No.7, due to congestion and other reasons;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.